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Mr Creech Jones On Hongkong Reform

Not Easy Or Fast Procedure

London, Dec. 14. — Mr Arthur Creech Jones, Secretary of State for the Colonies, questioned in the House of Commons today about the provision of a Municipal Council or for elected representatives to the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong, said that he was anxious to reach a decision as early as possible.

Reminded that he had expressed the hope last June of being able to make an announcement very soon, he replied: "Yes, but to make Constitutional is not an easy and fast procedure."

Questioned about the new airfield at Deep Bay, Mr Creech Jones said that arrangements were now being completed for the despatch of the full survey equipment and staff in January.

Reminded that the matter had been discussed for the last three years and that air traffic through Hongkong was the third highest of any airport in the world and could earn valuable dollars, he said that the problem was one of great complexity because of security, defence and finance questions, all of which had to be settled before such progress was made.

He gave an assurance that the wheels are now going round.—Reuter.

SPIES EXECUTED

Bucharest, Dec. 14.—Three men, Lieutenant-Colonel Teodoran Dan, Marcel Emilian and Major Mihail Dolidade, sentenced to death in November, were executed yesterday by a firing squad.

The men had been charged with supplying information to the American Intelligence Service on Rumanian and Russian troop dispositions.

A fourth man, Ian Vancu, sentenced to death in his absence, is abroad.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Dangerously Explosive

THE infiltration of Chinese Communist troops into Burma, as reported by a Central Burma radio station, is unquestionably one of the most serious developments of the political revolution which has been taking place, and now drawing to a close, in China. It substantiates the worst fears—that the Chinese Reds are not going to be satisfied with conquering their own territory; they are intending to follow the Moscow pattern and directly exert their influence over other areas of Southeast Asia. It is probably too early to assess the precise intentions of Mao Tse-tung in this direction. For instance, the "invasion" of Burma may be but a gesture, and that, once having made contact with the local Communists, the Chinese forces will retire, satisfied, for the time being, with the potentialities of the situation. But there are also disquieting reports from Tongking suggesting that if the Chinese revolutionaries care to cross the Yunnan frontier, there will be no opposition. French troops in this northern part of Indo-China are said to be virtually nonexistent, and at the same time it can be safely assumed that there is no lack of local Communist sympathisers in the district. The important consideration is at what stage will the ruling authorities of Burma and Indo-China decide to step in and put a halt to this infiltration? In the case of Burma the violation of territorial integrity has been established, while it seems only a matter of time before Indo-China is confronted with the same situation. A like threat hangs over Siam. It is something which cannot be allowed to drift. Chinese Communists fighting a civil war in their own country is one thing; the same forces pursuing

their military activities into neighbouring states is something quite different. The developments in Burma give emphasis to the urgency of the forthcoming Colombo conference of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers whose main preoccupation, it is already known, will be deciding on a policy and joint action that will successfully contain the spread of Communism in Southeast Asia. The linking up of militant Chinese Communists with their colleagues in countries such as Burma, Siam and Indo-China cannot fail to embarrass and prejudice the prospects of mutual action to retard the progress of Communism in these countries, and it is possible that something energetic will have to be done even before the Colombo parleys. In any event, the onus rests squarely on the governments of the threatened countries. So far as Burma, Indo-China and Siam are concerned, the Foreign Ministers' conference can only make suggestions, offer advice and maybe give certain assurances. But if these key areas in Southeast Asia are to be free of Chinese Communism, the task must be carried out by the countries concerned. No territorial expansion on the part of Mao Tse-tung's armies is permissible. Territorial integrity has to be respected. This, the governments of Burma, Siam and Indo-China must make clear without delay. Any weak handling of the situation can only bring disaster, and would also nullify to a very considerable degree the purpose of the Colombo conference. If current reports are correct, the authorities in Burma, Siam and Indo-China consider the situation to be delicate. For our part we believe it to be dangerously explosive, and is something which calls for quick and decisive treatment.

Hongkong Telegraph's Christmas Issue

This coming Saturday, December 17, the HONGKONG TELEGRAPH will issue its special Christmas number—a paper of 24 pages.

It will include a wide variety of seasonal features to satisfy all types of readers. Leading this array of entertaining and informative reading are the first chapters of Fullon Oursler's story of the life of Christ—"The Greatest Story Ever Told." This is a reverent, touching and brilliant treatment of what is universally recognised as the greatest life ever lived, and the most tragic death ever suffered.

"The Greatest Story Ever Told" will continue to be published daily in the HONGKONG TELEGRAPH in serial form, and it is something which no one can afford to miss.

Saturday's Christmas issue will also include special attractions for children, useful seasonal information for housewives, and the usual feature pages which have always made the Saturday TELEGRAPH the most entertaining weekend paper in Hongkong.

Heavy Penalties Imposed For Customs Evasion

London, Dec. 14.—Penalties of £281,175 and two prison sentences were imposed here today in the Tangier diamonds case, in which a British firm and two of its officials were accused of customs evasion and illegal export of gems.

The case arose out of allegations by the Board of Trade that British lost dollars by rough diamonds worth £75,274 being sent to Tangier, where they could be bought by New York diamond merchants at a cheaper rate in dollars—instead of being sent direct to America. The firm, I Hennig and Company, was ordered to pay fines and costs amounting to £137,550.

George Frederick Prins, a director of the firm, was gaoled for nine months and ordered to pay penalties totalling £137,100. Harry Brooke, a manager of the company, was sent to prison for six months and ordered to pay penalties amounting to £6,625.

Hennig, A. G. Pargor Incorporated of New York and London, the International Bank of Tangier and London, and Harry Winston Incorporated of New York and London, were summoned to show cause why certain parcels of diamonds, seized by customs men at the General Post Office in London, should not be confiscated.

They failed to do so and a condemnation order was made in respect of the diamonds seized by the authorities. This means that the diamonds will be forfeited.

Notice of appeal against the sentences and against the condemnation order was given.

The International Bank of Tangier and the two New York firms yesterday claimed in court three lots of diamonds which had been detained. There were no criminal summonses against the bank or the American firms.

One of the witnesses called by the defendants, Mr F. A. Mathias, wartime Diamond Controller in Britain, the magistrate recalled, seemed to say that if the defendants were convicted on these charges the diamond industry would be destroyed and that Britain would lose dollars amounting to £15,000,000 (\$42,000,000) a year.—Reuter.

Making Recovery

Freetown, Dec. 14.—Sir John Lude-Smith, the Chief Justice of Sierra Leone, who was shot in his house here on Saturday night, was stated today to be making satisfactory progress.—Reuter.

Acheson Explains His Attitude To Formosa INTERVENTION "DIFFICULT"

Washington, Dec. 14.—The Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, outlined to the Press the reasons why he believed it would be difficult for the United States to intervene to prevent Formosa from falling into the hands of the Chinese Communists, even if the Americans desire to do so. While refusing to commit the United States to any definite policy on Formosa, the tenor of his remarks substantiated reports from other American official sources that the United States has "written off" the strategic islands to the Chinese Communists.

Pointing out that Formosa has been a part of the Japanese Empire, Mr Acheson added that firstly the Allies had authorised the government headed by Chiang Kai-shek to administer Formosa, pending the conclusion of the peace treaty; secondly, by the Cairo Declaration the Allies committed themselves that Formosa should formally be given to the Chinese at the peace conference.

Referring to the Formosa question as a very important matter now before the National Security Council, Mr Acheson said that he did not wish to indulge in speculations on the eventual action by any power. He side-stepped questions whether the Chinese Communists, if they seized Formosa, could be considered logical heirs to the mandate given to Chiang Kai-shek's government by the Allies to administer the island pending conclusion of a formal treaty which would return the island to China.

Mr Acheson's extreme caution on Formosa was viewed by a desire to avoid any statement which could be seized upon by Republican Congressional elements, who are extremely critical of the Administration's policy in Asia. Policy members of the National Security Council, including Mr Acheson, believed that American action to hold Formosa by force would be a very unwise decision which would have serious ramifications. They believe that such a step would be resented by the Nationalists as well as the Communists in China. It would also cut ground from the U.S. constant stand that disputes must not be resolved by force.

Mr Acheson was asked whether "non-intervention" of foreign powers had been added by the State Department to its previous criteria for recognising governments. These three criteria, which Mr Acheson outlined last September, were:

(a) The government must be in actual control of the country; (b) It must be supported by the majority of the people; (c) It must be willing to assume international obligations and duties.

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MISSING AMERICANS

Mr Acheson indicated that the United States might ask the Soviet Union to help effect the release of the two American Naval men, held in the Tsingtao area by the Chinese Communists for almost 14 months.

Navy Chief Electrician, William Smith, and Master Sergeant, Edward Bowler, disappeared while on a routine training flight in the Tsingtao area on October 10, 1948. Mr Acheson said that the United States never had any direct word concerning the whereabouts or condition of the two men, but he heard a radio report on Wednesday that a missionary had seen them, and that they were in good health. He said that American officials would continue their representations to the Communist officials in Peking, and at the same time would consider additional action that might be taken.

The Secretary of State made it clear that if and when it considered recognising Communist China, the United States would place major emphasis on whether the Reds offered along with guarantees of their willingness and ability to fulfil international obligations, particularly in the treatment of foreigners within their country. He said a matter of secondary concern, although very important, was to decide just how much direct Soviet intervention there had been in Chinese affairs.

He was asked whether the Red treatment of Mr Angus Ward and other American personnel did not make him wary concerning what treatment might be given to diplomatic personnel once Communist China has been recognised.

He replied it certainly did, and if recognition ever came about, that would be one point upon which the United States would demand complete satisfaction.

INTERVENTION

The question of Soviet intervention in China arose when Mr Acheson was questioned concerning a statement he had made earlier in the conference, declaring that the United States had decided to recognise the new government of Peking, and adding that "there has been no evidence that any intervention or other interference—by any foreign government was brought to bear in effecting recent changes in the government of Peking."

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New Ferry Service A Big Success

The new Yau-mat-ferry, which began a month ago as a shaky experiment, has turned out to be a great success. During its first thirty days of operations over half a million people have been carried.

To mark this success, a brand-new ferry boat, the Man Leung, will today join the small fleet which plies between Yau-mat-ferry and Tsimshui Road Pier. This brings the total number of boats on this route to five.

When the Hongkong Yau-mat-ferry Company introduced this new service it was the first attempt at decentralisation of harbour traffic. Instead of concentrating all ferry boats in the area between the centre of Hongkong and Kowloon, this new service crosses the regular route diagonally.

It is not yet known what will happen in the New Year as the ferry company possesses only an Exclusion Certificate until December 31. It is understood that the Government is to be asked to grant a franchise.

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A new member of the ship's company who has joined HMS Amethyst is the cat, Simon II from Camden Town. And here he is.

Kostov Sentenced To Death

IMPRISONMENT FOR NINE OTHER DEFENDENTS

Sofia, Dec. 14.—Traiche Kostov, former Bulgarian Vice-Premier, was today sentenced to death by the Bulgarian Supreme Court which had been trying him on treason charges.

Life imprisonment sentences were imposed on the following: Nikolas Natchev, former Vice-President of the State Economic and Financial Committee; Ivan Cevrenov, former director of the rubber industry; Ivan Tutev, former chief of foreign trade; and Nikolas Pavlov, former Minister for Reconstruction.

Other sentences passed were as follows: Tsonchev, former Governor of the Bulgarian National Bank, 15 years imprisonment; Blagol Hadzhipanov, former Counselor of the Yugoslav Embassy in Sofia, 15 years imprisonment; Boris Krstov, former Commercial Counselor in Moscow, 15 years; Vassil Ivanovski, former President of the Macedonian Cultural Societies in Belgrade, 12 years; Ilya Britzalev, a former official, eight years.

The trial opened on December 7 with a surprise plea of "Not Guilty" by Kostov. The other accused all pleaded "Guilty."

A 20,000-word indictment accused Kostov of plotting against the present Bulgarian regime with the British, United States and Yugoslav intelligence services and with Yugoslav military aid. It was also alleged that he tried to arrest and assassinate the late Bulgarian Prime Minister, Georgi Dimitrov, and that he had been instrumental in leading Marshal Tito to power.

Imprisonment for a leader in the Bolshevik Party.

But Kostov denied the other charges including one accusing him of capitulating to Bulgarian Fascists in 1942 and another that he spied for British intelligence and plotted with Yugoslav leaders to set up an anti-Soviet Balkan Federation.

Stephanov, a tall, heavily built man, told the Court that he had been a British agent inside the Communist movement for more than half of his 30 years' career as a Communist.

In their final pleas to the Court yesterday Kostov was the only one of the accused to claim innocence. He denied briefly and without emotion charges of espionage and conspiracy but made no attempt to refute any charges or the testimonies of his fellow accused which they repeated against him in their final statements.—Reuter.

Disastrous Explosion At Meat Plant: 18 Dead

Sioux City, Iowa, Dec. 14.—An explosion turned a five-storey Swift and Company meat plant and office building into a smoking shambles today. Swift's main offices in Chicago said the Sioux City plant superintendent had reported 18 known dead, 67 persons in hospital and 80 treated at hospitals, and then released.

The dead were being collected at the Naval Reserve training station. The police believed some persons still were trapped in the mass of debris at the plant, which spreads over four to five acres about a mile from the downtown section of the city.

A Sioux City newsmen who visited the scene soon after the explosion said the plant was "simply a mess." He said dead and injured were lying on the ground, with some of the living moaning as rescuers worked frantically and spectators pressed in on the scene.

About 700 workers were reported on duty at the plant during the morning, but many of the 100 office workers had gone to lunch shortly before the blast shattered the plant at about 5:30 p.m. GMT. Walls collapsed, windows were blown out and workers were buried about by the explosion.

Workers at the scene said they believed the explosion was a "natural" gas blast. A survivor, Mr. John J. Gannaway, who was in a third-floor room at the time, said the floor seemed to rise and he thought that he and 15 others in the room were burned by gas.

Ambulances were rushed to the scene and the Red Cross and National Guard were called to the plant. Hospitals issued calls for blood for transfusion, and the city's available doctors were called to help.

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London Power Strike To End

Agreement Reached

London, Dec. 14.—A general agreement to end the London power strike, which has disrupted transport and industry and blacked out wide areas of the City, was reached tonight.

Day-long meetings between the leaders of the 3,000 power station workers and union officials resulted in a decision, made to be unanimous—that strikers' mass meetings tomorrow should be recommended to resume work immediately.

The men struck work on Monday at three of London's power stations in support of a claim for a special bonus for "dirty work." Yesterday 1,500 workers at Barking, the largest power station in Europe, came out in protest against the use of troops in the other three stations.—Reuter.

ELECTRICITY CUTS

London, Dec. 14.—Londoners struggled with disrupted underground train services and cancelled trolley-bus routes tonight as a result of the strike at four London power stations.

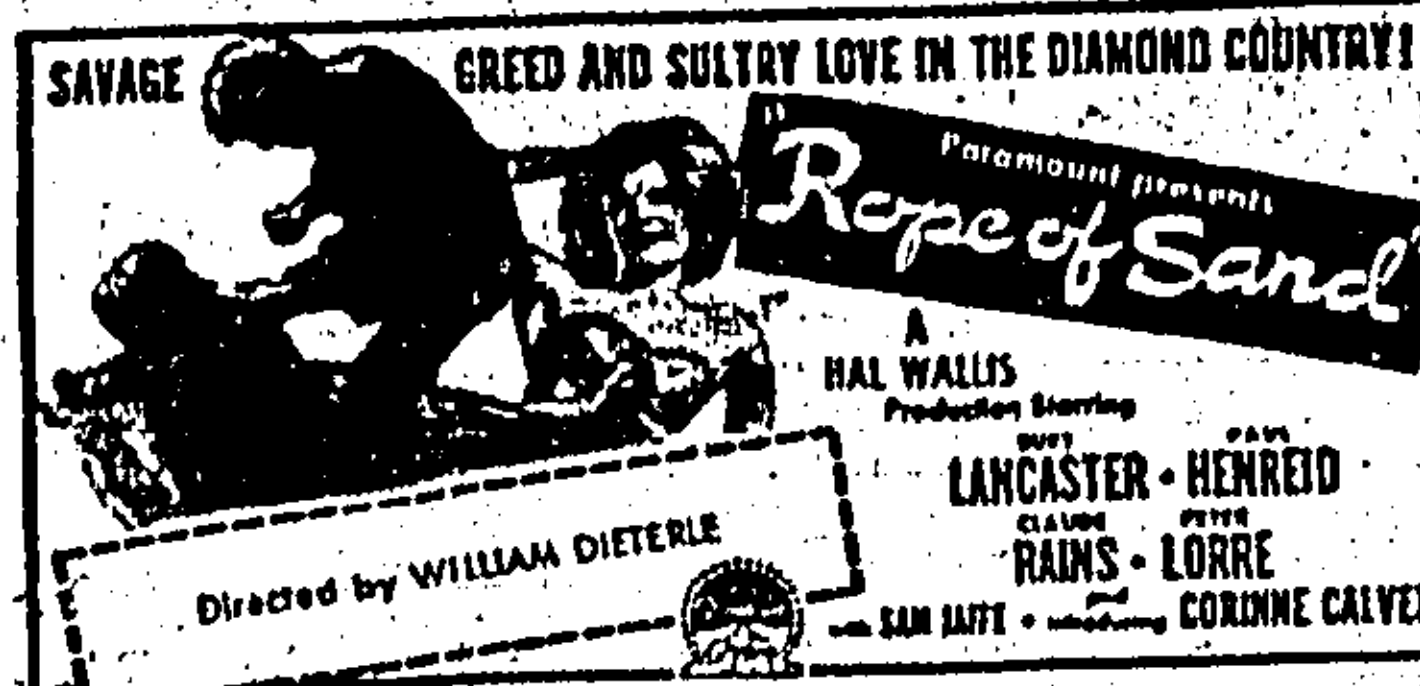
When darkness fell electricity cuts were imposed for the second night in succession. But though electric cookers failed to operate and heaters were dimmed, the lights did not go out, as they did last night.

This morning Londoners had lighted candles to work, expecting another sudden blackout.—Reuter.

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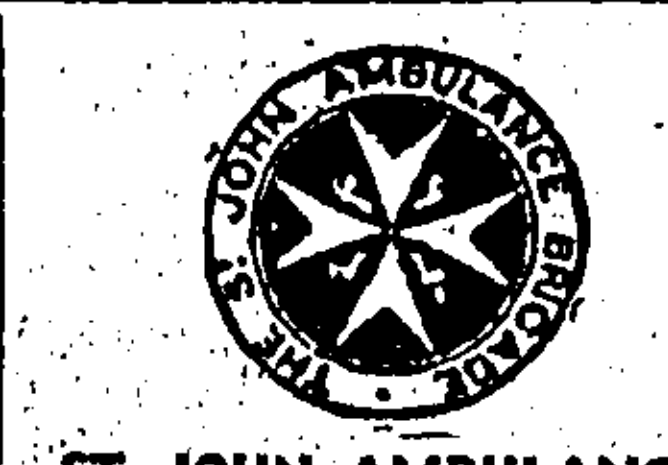
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SUMMER EVENING



On parade at the Mayfair fashion show where it was accent on necklines for these two summer evening gowns with the flyaway collar (above) and (below) the "oyster shell" line.



Different Versions Of Blousing

Blousing is one of the most popular methods of breaking the line in the new 1950 fashions, although it is interpreted in many different ways, both on coats and suits. In the Dereta collection shown recently in London, the effect was that of a panel from shoulder to skirt-hem with a slight button apparently fastening it. This fullness is usually pouched softly at the waist-line above a narrow three-quarter or half-belt, and occasionally emphasized by gathers below a straight cut yoke.

Dateless Styles

Classically tailored coats sometimes give a hint of blousing through a series of open darts above the waist-line. In the fitted coat group the classic type in worsted and fine, firm-handling materials are considered very important, since with the recent swift fashion changes, says the "Fashion Trade Weekly," retail buyers report increasing demands from customers for "dateless" styles.

Then there are the casual coats which have deep-cut armholes, and may be worn loose or held with a tie-belt.

Swaggers

Swaggers are still in evidence, although fullness is pruned down, but there is a continued feeling for centre back swing rather than the side or under-arm fullness. Straight-cut boxy coats—and also short boyish jackets—are worn over slim suits or skirts. Odd jackets in straight boxy lines are popular for the spring, usually in attractive pastel shades which are deeper than those chosen for dresses.

WOMANSENSE A New York Wintry Night Brings Out High Fashions

ON one of New York's first wintry evenings, the majority of the women who were seen at Madison Square Garden at the opening of the National Horse Show elected formal dress. The lineup runs about 60 percent floor-length, about 40 percent short or with irregular hemlines. Fabric choices put the crisp or stiff fabrics in first place—tulle, stiff satin, brocades.

The whites did not get the majority vote but in every case they looked new. Slim white brocade; white satin embroidered with gold bugle beads; white lace, especially in daytime length; white marquisette—these are the important choices.

Short Lengths

About the short lengths: these range from dresses in tulle or lace which come just about to the ankles, to daytime length evening dresses about 10 inches from the floor. In the last-named, lace is well represented.

About the irregular hemlines: the favourite formula involves the short sheath skirt with loose panel extended nearly to the floor, either at back or at one side. Other version of the irregular hemline include skirts with dipping panels or skirts with bustle drapes dipping at back. It is a point of interest that such silhouettes looked most right with very short jackets or with fur stoles, not with finger-tip coats.

Stiff Fabrics

In the full-length evening dresses, the stiff fabrics make the greatest impression: Tulle plucked in gray and mauve; plum tulle; brighter than olive green satin draped to one side.

Glove Styles

THE general acceptance of longer gloves is strongly reflected in glove demands in New York. For daytime six-to-eight-to-ten and even 12-button gloves are worn. Black is the number one colour with white, neutral browns, such as Balenciaga and beige shades following.

Longer fabric gloves are most popular in handkerchiefs or styles with little or no trim. Costume fabric gloves are in slippin styles with cuff interest such as faced cuffs or flatterings, ruffled or flared silhouettes.

Long Evening Gloves

There is an interest in 22 to 24-button suede mousquetaires in pastel tones.

New York women are matching pin gloves to military in pastel tones, with dusty pink leading. The gloves are usually classic types with colour and length the fashion interest rather than detail. Fabric gloves are also in demand in pink. Another military-glove shade is light beige.

Oatmeal and cork shades are most popular in plisquin. Detailed plisquin costume gloves are holding their own with classic types. Most popular types are said to be tailored costume gloves with leather buttons to match the buttons on camels' hats. White plisquin for more dressy wear is another glove fashion that is popular in New York, particularly in longer or wrist-length gloves.

Black mocha gloves in shortie and slippin lengths are also popular.

In furs, the light furs come out as smart favourites. Kohlmoor mink, white mink, silverblue mink, with stoles the best-looking choices. Again these are not majority, but they look good.

Black A Favourite

In the colour lineup, black, as is to be expected at such an event, was a general favourite, in both short and long dresses, especially satin and velvet. The long black velvet dinner suit made an appearance; the black velvet wrap-around coat, with very short sleeves and with border of black fox was an individual choice in evening wraps. Black knife-pleated net added to the black prestige.

Besides black and white, the pastels had a following—pale blue embroidered with silver bugle beads; pale pink; and green. Among individual colour choices these are outstanding:

When coats were removed, décolletés were revealed as either very bare and strapless, or draped into little sleeves or folds. Upstanding knife-pleated décolletés, or jutting décolletés, sometimes filled in

with flowers, were big favourites. Registering in accessories: Satin envelope bags and open sandals in black and dual tones; chandelier-type diamond earrings, and one and two-strand pearl necklaces. The in-hand evening bag in satin brocade or velvet was endorsed by about 80 percent of the spectators.

A conspicuous minority carried tooled carryalls. A few women wore their carryalls in black satin cases with slim top handles.

Satin Sandals

Very open satin sandals with high-riding ankle straps were worn in black navy, dark brown, rose, emerald and champagne colours.

It was definitely a white glove evening, with white glove gloves going from all lengths, from wristbone shorties to 20-button mousquetaires. Chandelier earrings stood out in an audience with, for the most part, conservative jewellery of one-to-two-strand pearl necklaces and pearl button earrings.

Sandal foot skin toned hosiery was preferred by most of the women. Hosiery nude was in contrasting darker seams.

Medicine Has Conquered Many Childhood Diseases

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

OLDER people and especially the older physician will certainly remember the great havoc once wrought every year by the contagious diseases of childhood—the epidemics of serious illnesses which brought down nine youngsters out of ten, and left death and invalidism in their wake.

Today, many of the worst of these diseases have been wiped out or at least rendered so harmless that their threat is negligible. Nearly all of this amazing progress has been made in the past 25 years, most of it in the last 10 or 12.

The most outstanding results have been in the control of so-called infectious or catching diseases. For example, diphtheria in many cities appears so rarely that medical students and young physicians have never seen a case. This has been accomplished by giving injections of diphtheria toxoid to the children when they are eight or nine months of age. In most cases, the children are given one further injection of the toxoid two or three years later which acts as a booster in giving immunity or protection against the disease.

Milder Disease

Scarlet fever seems to have become a much milder disease than it used to be. Furthermore, with Penicillin and the sulfonamide drugs, the condition can be cleared up when it does occur, without complications such as ear and gland infections, heart, and kidney damage that formerly were so frequent.

The results with whooping cough have not been quite so good. Infants still succumb to this disease, particularly babies under a year of age. Injections to prevent whooping cough, if given early, may help greatly in cutting down the dangers of this disease. Many physicians advise that these injections be started when the baby is three months old, and that he be given four such injections a

month apart. If the injections do not prevent the disease, they at least may do much to make it milder and lessen its dangers.

There is still no way of permanently protecting a child against measles. Measles, like whooping cough, is most dangerous to babies under two years of age. If such an infant is exposed to measles, he should be given an injection of gamma globulin, which will either prevent the disease altogether or make the attack milder. Furthermore, the complication of measles may be warded off to a great extent by the administration of penicillin or the sulfonamide drugs.

Today's parents are indeed fortunate. They need only take advantage of the means medical science has provided to save themselves, much dread and fear, and their children many a serious illness. When so much is provided, neglect to have their children immunised against the common diseases is little less than a crime.

Lamour defends glamour girls



'Beauty can be cultural'

HOLLYWOOD—There is culture in beauty, said film star Dorothy Lamour, when reporters interviewed her about recent criticisms of screen glamour girls.

"All of a sudden it is the fashion for a lot of ill-assorted characters to decry these girls," she said.

"A pretty girl, tastefully posed in a scanty costume, is a thing of beauty; and such posing can be a sort of cultural achievement."

Of nudity, she said: "That is bad taste."

Household Hints

If your laundry tubs have grown rough with wear paint them with ordinary house paint. Let them dry thoroughly, for best results before using, and they will last for some time longer.

Learn to Use Eye Make-Up



Tiny lines often appear around the eyes when a girl is still in her twenties. To effect them, apply a little eye cream at least once a day.

By HELEN FOLLETT

EVERY morning, when you prepare to face the world, you make your own current portrait. In the way you arrange your ambrosial locks, the cosmetics you use, the expressive curve of your lips, up or down as your inner mood dictates—all contribute.

Now, if you study your face in the mirror objectively, as an artist would, where is the centre of interest? Isn't it in your eyes? That is where a painter puts emphasis.

But are your eyes deserving of the spotlight? Do give them special attention when you consider your own Portrait of a Lady. Nature and a clear conscience take care of the canvas.

As you so often of the popular beauty operators, but which is obtainable where such items are sold. There are scissors handles that are curved to allow a full view of the procedure. Blunt ends give a firm grip on each individual hair as it is removed.

Actually eye beauty is easy and it is effective. Keep your eyebrows and lashes perfectly

groomed so that there is a lovely frame for your soul windows. No matter how long your lashes may be, they still may have tips of a lighter colour and don't show up against your skin. Therefore a colourless lash cream is nice to use for giving the wintry a silky appearance.

Then there is the eyelash curler to give the tilt to the minute fringes. This precision-made beauty aid requires no heat or cosmetics. Simply slip the rubber cushioned bows over your lashes, squeeze the scissors handles together, hold firmly, while you count to twenty-five. Release the curler, like another peck in the mirror, and you will be surprised.

There is another little worth-while gadget that is worth considering. It is a special eye brow tweezer used by facial operators, but which is obtainable where such items are sold. It has scissors handles that are curved to allow a full view of the procedure. Blunt ends give a firm grip on each individual hair as it is removed.

And finally, if you want to avoid squinty lines around the eyes, use a good eye cream regularly.



A Batch Of Apple Recipes

APPLES can be cooked so many different ways inside the budget. When was a boy I used to pick the apples from the trees, and pack them in barrels. My mother stored them in the cool cellar, and we ate from them all winter. As you so often of the popular beauty operators, but which is obtainable where such items are sold. There are scissors handles that are curved to allow a full view of the procedure. Blunt ends give a firm grip on each individual hair as it is removed.

Apple Pie
"And in this country, Chef, we have our good old apple pie."

"Also very nice with cheese, Madame."

"You know we make various kinds of apple pie—there's Dutch apple pie, Quaker apple pie, sour cream apple pie, apple raisin, apple custard..."

"And what is your apple pan downy, Madame?"

"Apple pan downy is an old New England dessert that's traditionally sweetened partly with molasses, and is a combined deep dish pie and pudding, served with nutmeg sauce."

Apple Sauce

"With apples so plentiful and reasonable in price, we can recommend more use of apple sauce for breakfast, or dessert at lunch or dinner, or for service with meat. But to make good apple sauce, we must use flavourful cooking apples. Greenings or Gravensteins are excellent; they are firm and crisp and have nice flavour. Madame, to what school of apple sauce do you belong?"

"I have many kinds in my repertoire. What I call light or white apple sauce is made of peeled, sliced and cored apples, cooked fast with a little water and always covered to keep it light coloured. When nearly done, I add to 1½ quarts of sliced apple, a cup of granulated sugar, a few grains salt and a little lemon juice. I never rub this apple sauce through a sieve and it is always served cold."

"For apple sauce that is darker in colour and more flavoured, I do not peel or core the apples. I cut out any blemishes, slice the apples, and cook them in the same way. As it is naturally darker in colour, I add with cinnamon, and usually

add a little butter, then put it through a sieve. I serve it either hot or cold. This type of apple sauce contains all the minerals and vitamins in apples."

"I think you would also like apple compote the way it is made in France, Madame. It is not, strictly speaking, a sauce, because it contains whole sections of the fruit. But it is served for dessert in the same way."

Red Apple Compote
First make a quick syrup by combining ¾ c. sugar, 1 c. water and 2 tsp. any red jelly. Simmer together, until the sugar dissolves. Then peel, core and quarter 8 cooking apples and add. Cover and simmer until the fruit is soft—do not stir. It should keep the shape. When tender remove the apples and put in a serving dish. Boil the syrup for 5 min. Then pour over the apples. Serve cold."

Dinner
Lamb and Tomato Ragout
Baby Dumplings
String Beans Stuffed with Colored Slaw
Molasses-Apple-Ginger Pudding
Vanilla Sauce
Coffee or Tea-Milk (Children)

Include enriched bread or rolls with butter or margarine.
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

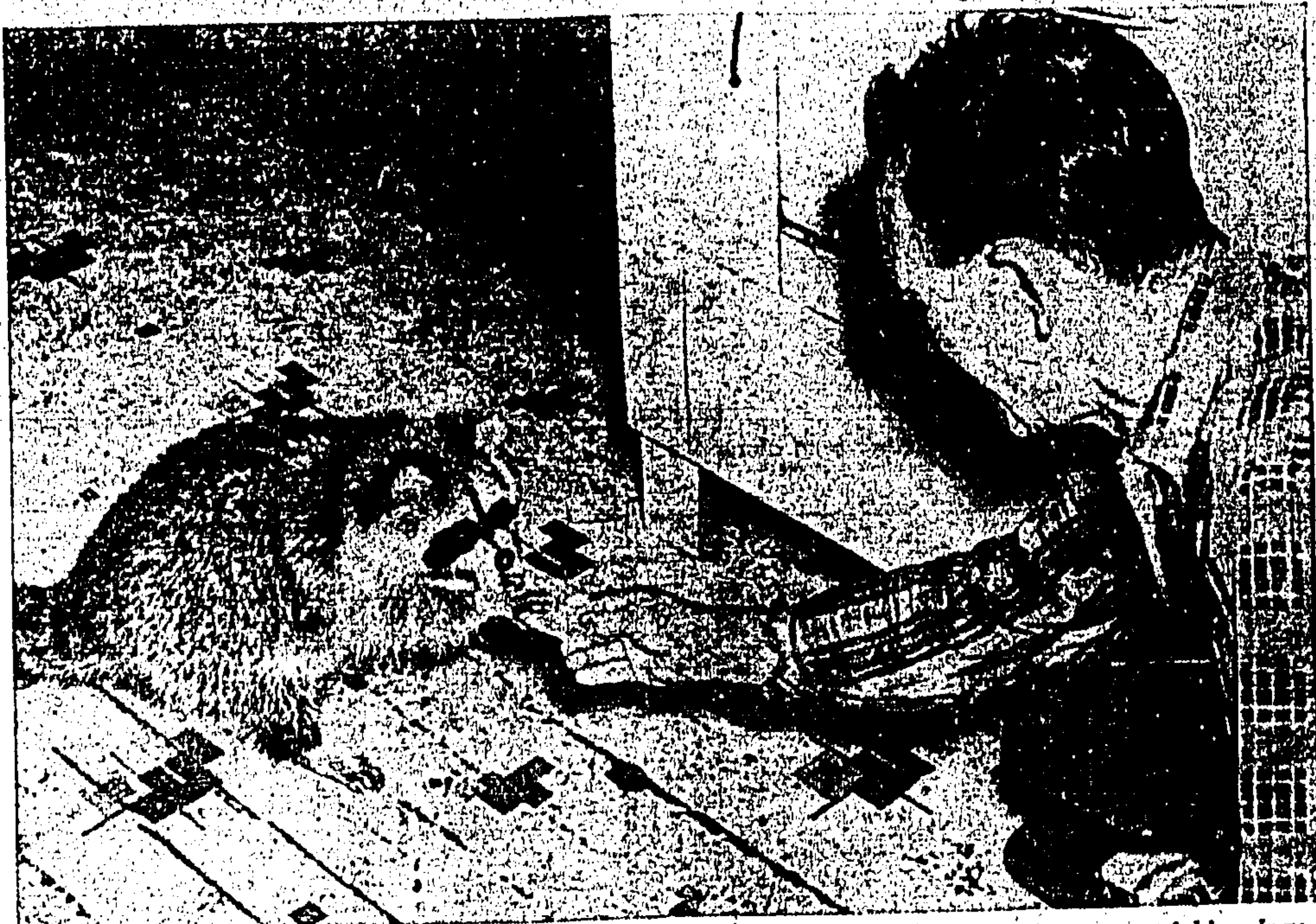
Lamb and Tomato Ragout
Order 3 lbs. neck of lamb sliced ½ in. thick, leave in the bones. Remove the skin and any excess fat. Mix together 1½ cup. salt, ¾ cup. pepper and ¼ c. flour, and roll the lamb in it. Slow-brown on both sides in 3 tbs. butter, margarine or shortening. Then add 1 medium-sized peeled sliced onion and fry until browned. Transfer to a good-sized casserole. Add 1 peeled sliced carrot, 1 c. sliced celery and 1 (No. 2) tin tomatoes or 6 peeled quartered fresh tomatoes. Add enough water so the tomatoes and meat are a little more than half covered. Put on a lid and bake in a slow oven, 325 F. for 2 hrs. or until the lamb is tender. Then drop in dumplings dough by teaspoonfuls. Cover and bake 15 min. in a hot oven; 400 F. or until the dumplings are cooked through.

Trick of the Chef
For a very nice flavour in the lamb and tomato ragout add a little powdered dried mint.

PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



CROCHET CHAMP—Mrs Thomas L. Nightingale, 71, of Sacramento, California, proudly displays some of the awards she has won with her needlework. Her skill has made her the crocheting champion of the United States for the third time.



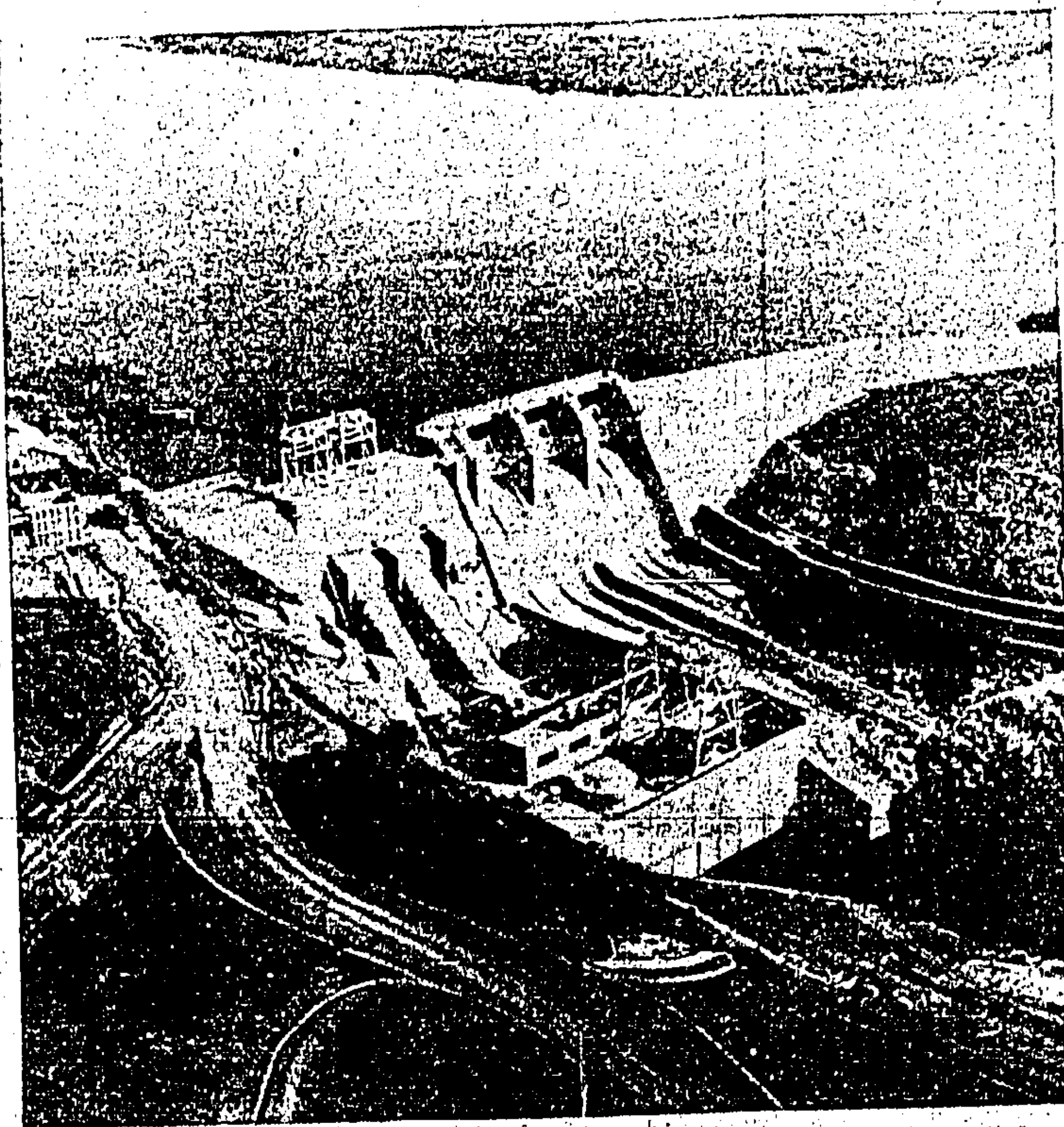
GETTING ACQUAINTED—It has taken Ross Vall seven weeks to make friends with some neighbouring raccoons, but now they come right into his kitchen, near Tuxedo Park, New York, for a snack. To entertain six of the animals, Vall says it costs him two loaves of rye bread a day but he expects the free rations will attract a greater number of visitors in the spring.



A WORD TO THE WISE—As New York State's hunting season ends for the year, warnings are posted for the benefit of over-eager sportsmen. Gretchen Grauer here supports Heather Roulston while she hammers a notice on a tree, where hunters who might be setting their sights will surely see it.



THEY'RE NOT PLAYING BALL—These men are trainees who work in copper mines in Northern Rhodesia. The African copper belt occupies 1,600 miles near the Belgian Congo, and produced US\$72,000,000 worth of copper in 1948.



MORE POWER IN BRAZIL—This big hydro-electric power plant has just been inaugurated at Americana, Brazil. Part of a multi-million dollar public utility network of the American and Foreign Power Company, it will serve 40,000 square miles.



GOOD ARGUMENT—Comely Shirley Tegge demonstrates at Laguna Beach, California, why she thinks swim suits are flattering to a girl's figure.



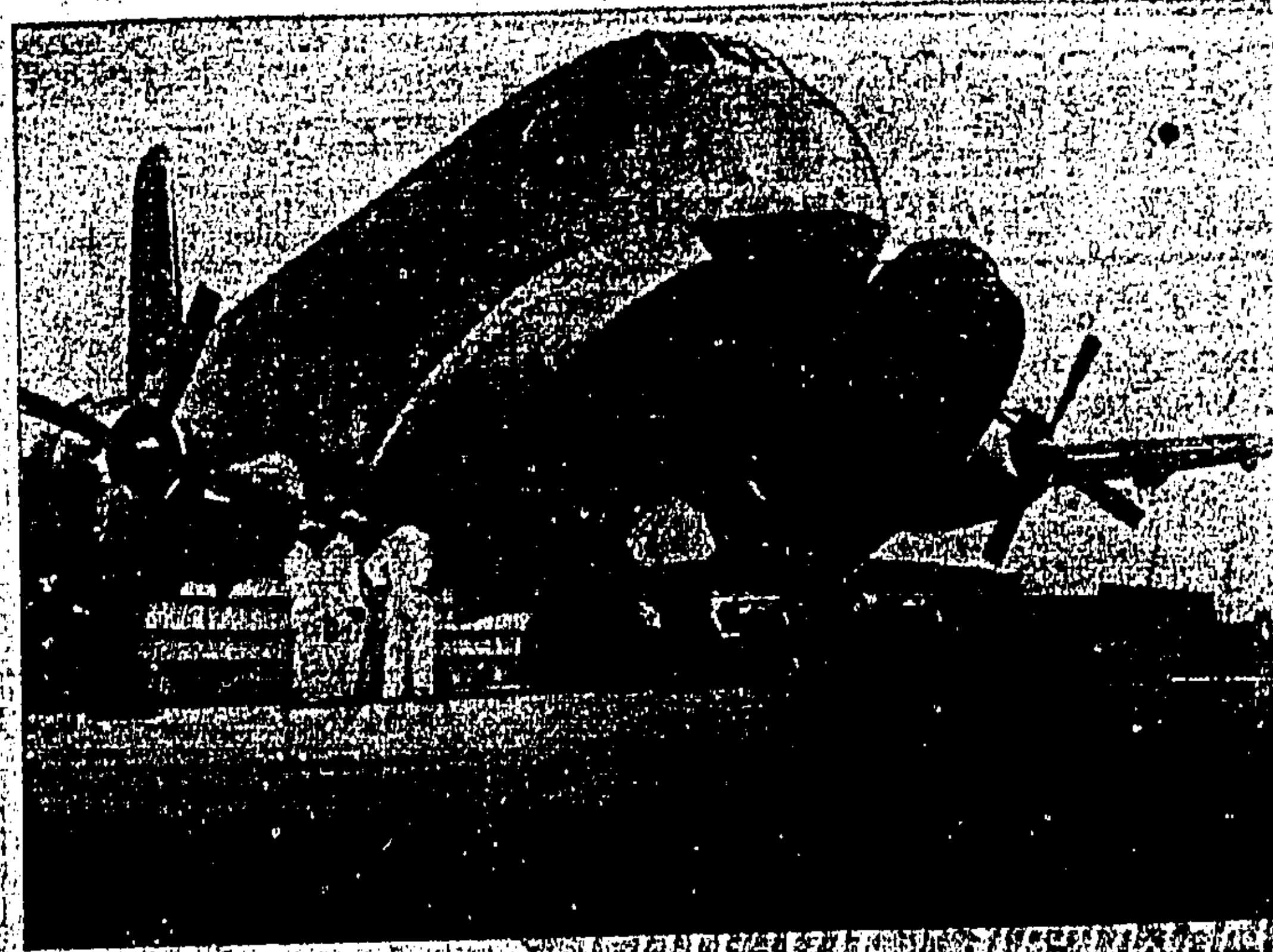
INTER-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP—Mayor Robert Floyd of Miami, Florida, presents the Stars and Stripes to Miss Allanza, represented by charming Mary Gonzales, secretary of the Venezuelan Consul in Miami. The Allanza Inter-Americana promotes friendship between the countries of the Americas.



IN WITH THE TIDE—Johnny Rhodes, a lifeguard at Playa-De-Rey, California, and his pet dog examine the golf, tennis and baseballs that washed ashore. Authorities believe they were washed down street drains during a storm, emptied into the ocean and floated back to shore.



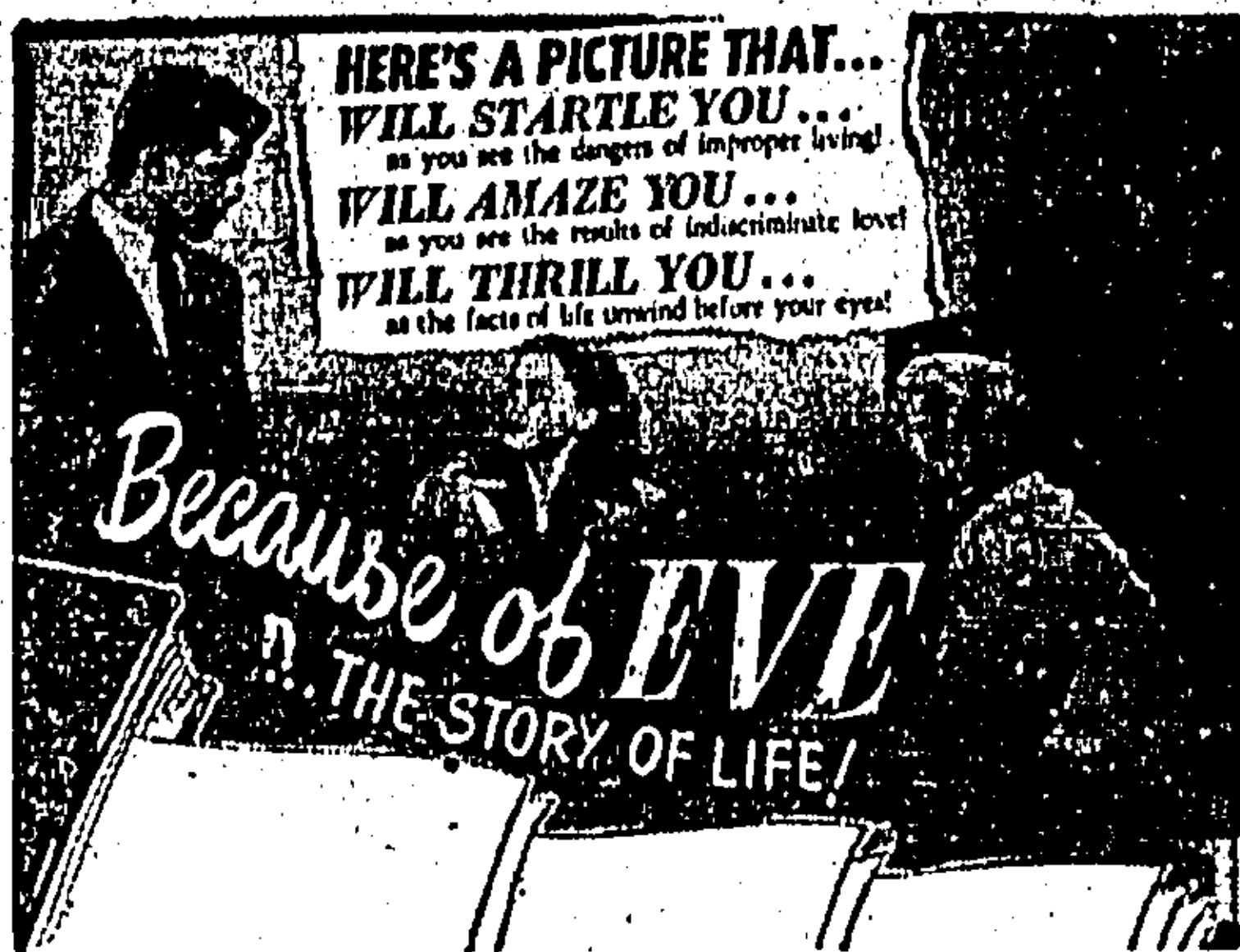
HER OWN PRODUCTION—Lovely film star Susan Hayward takes time from her acting chores on a Hollywood set to pose with her four-year-old twin sons. Gregory, left, must have eaten more spinach than Timothy, because he appears the larger twin.



ON INITIAL FLIGHT—The 222-passenger C-124 opens its huge doors to permit inspection after making its first flight at Long Beach, California. Described as the largest production transport plane made for the U.S. Armed Services, it can carry troops, tanks and fully-loaded trucks in its 77-foot fuselage.

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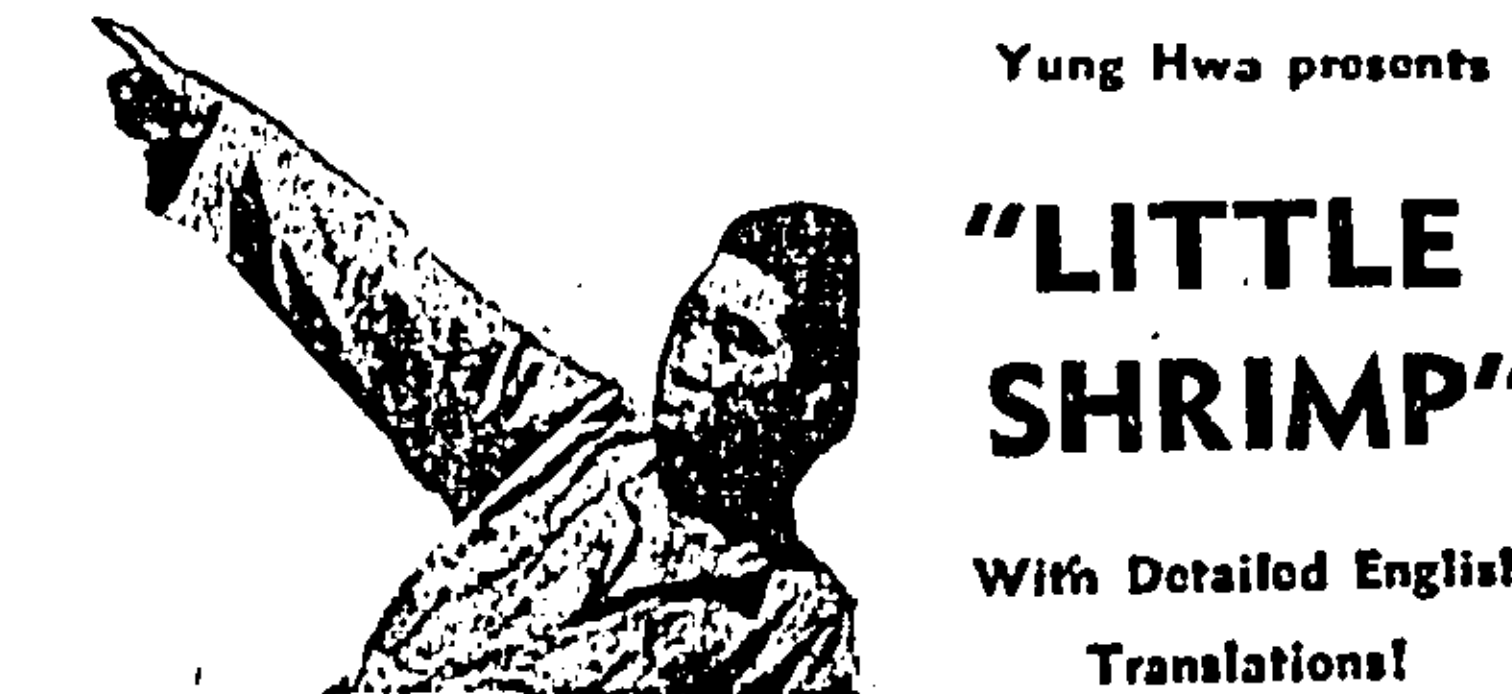
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"Now if only Vera hadn't read about the necessity for Britain to produce more food..."

(London Express Service)

DARTMOOR GOES GAY

By

E. V. Tullett

DARTMOOR PRISON, grey fortress which houses the toughest criminals in Britain, is going gay.

Education has come to this dreaded goal, and with it—a brass band.

Once a week, under the tutelage of ex-bandmaster Carthew of the Royal Marines, 12 convicts meet in the chapel for practice.

Most of the players are novices and many of the instruments are old and worn. One trombone was made 60 years ago.

Other convicts never hear the band; for the chapel is in an isolated block.

But every night they get an idea of the bandmen's progress, for they listen to the musicians at practice in their cells.

Round the four floors of the yellow-painted, galleried buildings echoes music where, until recently, no noise was allowed.

In one block the euphonium blows from a cell, followed by a few brassy scales from a lively trombone. Two floors down the cymbal player bangs happily in time of his own.

Dwellers in another block listen to the shrill note of the tenor horn, accompanied by the soft tone of a clarinet.

Across the quadrangle the inmates of another building hear the flute, the big drum, and the side drum.

THE band is practising to play "Christians Awake" at Christmas.

For the lucky 12 with instruments the hours from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. when they are free to be at their noisiest, are the happiest of the day. But for 200 others who are studying concentration, is difficult.

For the convicts of Dartmoor are now taking education seriously.

Men behind a new scheme which has the blessing of the Devon Education authorities are eight schoolmasters from the nearest towns and villages.

They go to the gaol on Monday, Wednesday or Friday each week and teach for an hour. There are classes in French, English, maths, art, engineering and accountancy. For 15 inmates in the gaol there is a special course.

On class nights the students are persuaded and marched to their classrooms—pleasant change from solitary cells. They sit at new, single desks. A prison officer sits close by.

EACH course is to last about three months. If the pupil is satisfactory he will move to the next stage and finally, into the "silly" form.

Any man who slacks is sent back to his cell. There are plenty of volunteers ready to take his place.

By far the most popular class is the band. There are already more than 100 on the list waiting for instruction, and the aim is, eventually, to form the Dartmoor Prison Military Band.

First reports of the scheme by prison officers say that "already there is a noticeable change in the spirit of the prisoners."

They have hopes of good results from this big experiment in gaol treatment.

(London Express Service)

San Marino Pins Its Faith On A Spinning Wheel



SAN MARINO, THE world's oldest and thirdest republic is gambling on its future by taking its problems of dwindling revenues and rising costs to the gaming table.

Surrounded by non-Red Italy, the little Communist-controlled nation of San Marino has started a gambling casino in the hope of making up the loss of customs duties which Italy normally collected and paid to the republic.

Over the protests of the Catholic party minority in this country of 12,000, a syndicate was authorised to convert the Titano theatre, named after the mountain on which sits the capital of San Marino. With roulette wheels and other games in full cry on the main floor and erstwhile stage, San Marino hopes its 50 percent share of the take will make up its customs losses.

FOR a million lire (about US\$1500) monthly, the syndicate rents the theatre. A blazing neon sign, "Kursaal", announces its presence—founding fathers frowned on the word casino in deference to the Christian Democrats. Inside some 100 persons, chiefly San Marinese who picked up their new trade at neighbouring Italy's casinos at San Remo and Venice, operate the games. For 500 lire (less than \$1) the visitor can come inside and try his luck.

The spin of the wheel at San Marino casino produces mingled expressions on customers from over the Italian border.

In return for its concession, the "Kursaal" operators have agreed to build a new casino valued at 100 million lire (about \$150,000), a new 150-room hotel for its clients, and to repair the two main roads leading from the capital to Italy, using San Marinese labour and local materials.

But the "Kursaal's" chief clients at the moment, the Italian industrialists and upper class, are finding obstacles at the Italian-San Marino frontier. There, finance police have established control points to check documents of travellers with an eye to tax returns.

Each bus or car passing into the tiny republic is examined at a leisurely pace, because, casino operators claim, the Italians want to delay arrival at the gaming tables. All this, they charge, is an effort by rival casinos in Italy to kill their operation.

If the rivals succeed in putting the new "Kursaal" out of business, the average San Marinese will have lost—but not through direct gambling. Natives are forbidden admittance to the games.

—Leo Stoocker

(London Express Service)

By gusto he made a fortune—

(AND WITH GUSTO HE SPENT THE LOT)

TOM WALLS lived the lives of five men and spent the income of ten. He must have earned more than half a million pounds from films, the theatre, and from racing. But during recent years he confessed he was going broke.

He brought to our time a refreshing breath of the Regency and Elizabethan days. At the height of his pre-war fame and fortune—when his film contract alone brought him in £35,000 a year—his day began at six o'clock in the morning with a gallop on the Downs.

It ended in the small hours in the West End of London.

The son of a small builder in Northampton he became in turn a London policeman, a concert-party pianist, an amateur jockey in Australia, an actor-manager, a film star, an all-round sportsman, a farmer and the owner of a Derby winner, April the Fifth.

Blithe and free

NO man could have played so many parts more naturally or with more gusto.

He trained his own horses, farmed his own land, directed his own films, chose his own casts. He could not bear to delegate authority. He even bought the family joint of meat.

Tom Walls was the despair of stage managers and film producers for he fixed his own time-table.

When his contract expired, it was not renewed. "They think I'm difficult to work with," he complained to me. "Why?"



TOM Kirby WALLS

He died, at 66, at Ewell, Surrey. His last number—13, the number of letters in his name, and in April the Fifth his Derby winner. "Tons of Money" led to the successful Aldwych farce.

How could one explain costs and the schedules to a spirit so blithe and so free?

He spent his money as fast as he earned it, and his friends foresaw difficult times ahead for him. Then he was offered a new and profitable career in Hollywood. It was tempting, but Tom dealt with it in a characteristic manner.

He called the movie moguls there that he could not accept the part because he had a horse running in the Derby so would they please postpone the film until after the race? Ironically, the horse, Markab, had to be scratched from the race.

Ambition

TO win the Derby for the second time was Tom Walls' dearest ambition—but he had to give up his horses, his farm, his servants, the Regency buck found himself living in Austerity Britain.

For years there were no film offers. Then he made a comeback in several expertly observed character parts.

Big moment

TOM once told me that the greatest moment in his full and successful life was seeing his son win the Military Gold Cup on his own horse.

Perhaps the finest tribute paid to Tom Walls was by Sir Michael Balcon, who produced many of his films. The two men always fought furiously over professional matters. "I always came to his office with my lawyer," said Tom once, "because I knew damned well he'd have his there." But the two men had a high regard for each other.

When Tom was filming in Cornwall, Balcon had his young son Jonathan staying with the film unit for a short while. When they came back Balcon said to me thoughtfully: "I wish Jonathan could have spent more time with Tom Walls; what a fine influence on a boy that is."

Monja Danilchewsky

(London Express Service)

C.V.R. Thompson Reports The American Scene

NEW YORK.

POSTERS went up recently all over Burlington, the usually sleepy capital of Vermont State.

On them was General Dwight Eisenhower's picture, at a under this slogan: "First in war, first in peace, and first in the heart of humanity."

Thus started the new "Ike for President" boom; just where it started is a time.

On the face of it, the general's reply seems to end this boom. Just as he ended the last one.

Said he: "I will repeat what I have been saying all along. I am not seeking a political position and I have no intention of doing so."

But politicians, experts in reading in between the lines, are not counting him out on the basis of the statement.

Of course he is not seeking the job, they say. That politics, too, for him to show his hand so soon and give the Opposition, presumably President Truman, three years to knock him down.

The verdict: Burlington is a little too early.

STRIKING bus and tram workers in Wilmington, Delaware, called off their strike for five hours one day recently. Their reason: The annual Christmas parade was being held, and they wanted to make it easy for the children to watch it.

NEW YORKERS have not forgotten. A ship from Iceland tied up in harbour. It flew the company's flag, bearing the

hammer of Thor, a hero of Norse mythology. At first glance it looks like a swastika.

Within an hour the police, Army officials, and a newspaper had dozens of telephone calls asking them to run "those Nazis" out to sea again.

BOOM business for British sports cars has caused one New York dealer to decide to open a second showroom. Because he thought, most of his customers would come from the wealthy set he opened his first one on Park-avenue. But the new one will go after the flashy set—on Broadway.

WALL-STREET'S bankers have been told that for the first time a visiting Governor of the Bank of England will pay

only token calls on them. When Mr. Cameron Cobbold gets here this month, he will spend most of his time in Washington.

WEALTHY James Powell, a 74-year-old Illinois businessman, decided to give away his \$150,000 fortune while he was still alive to see how happy it made his friends. He gave away the last of it last month. He has just died.

JUST out is the new edition of the Social Register, the little black book which has socialites trembling every autumn. That is because its editors decide which of them "will belong" and which shall be dropped.

This year's most sensational banishment is Mary Ellen Berlin, beautiful young daughter of song-writer Irving Berlin ("White Christmas," "All Alone"). Reason: her marriage was dissolved.

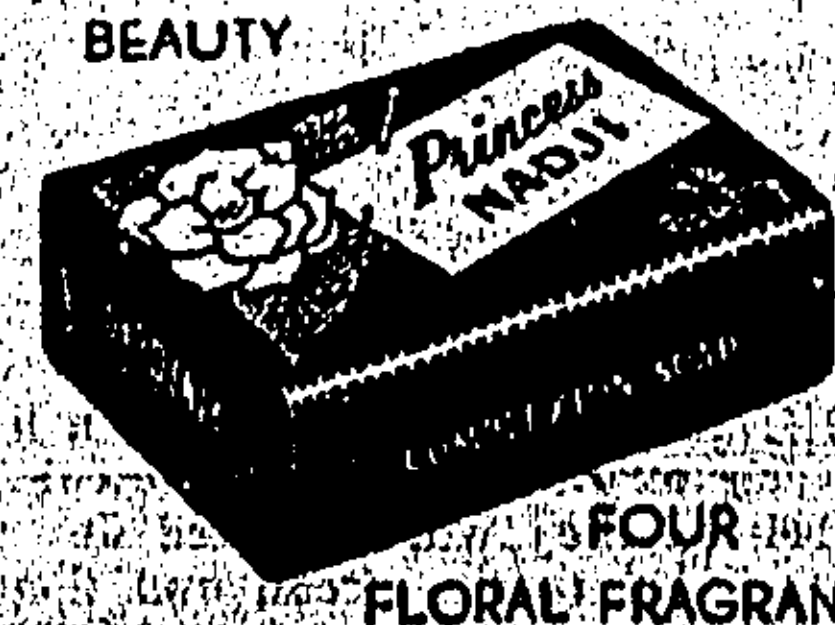
NANCY

The Final Blow



By Ernie Bushmiller

SOAP THAT SPELLS BEAUTY



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LESSON HAND

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Remember to Count
The Opposing Cards

AKQ82	J73
A72	J863
K563	K872
AJ	100
Q96	1054
104	1010
Q907	1054
32	1010
W	1010
N	1010
E	1010
S	1010
Donner	1010

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

TO become a real expert in the play of the hand, you must learn how to count the distribution in your opponents' hands. These want to play "the end and the bridge" just to luck, but you will enjoy the game more if you try to count out each hand.

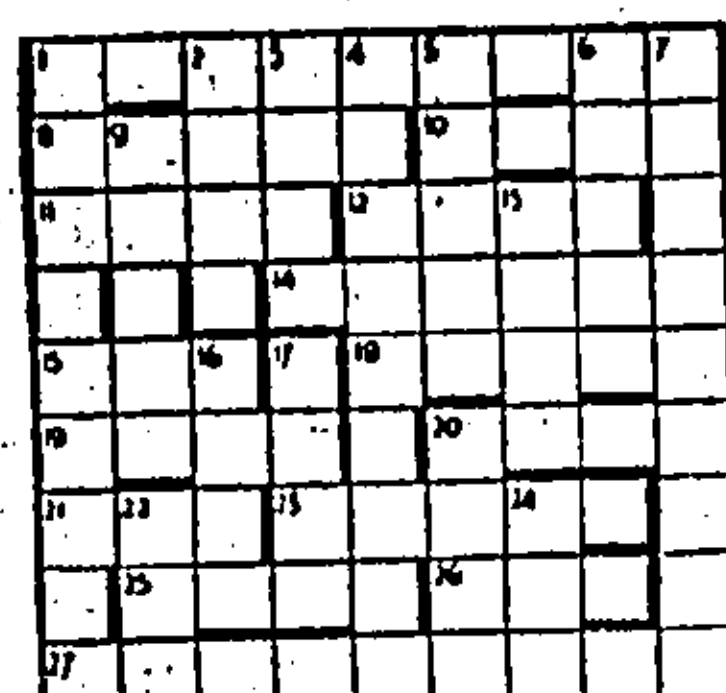
Today's lesson hand on the play appeared in a recent issue of The Bridge World. No matter how you bid the hand, I think you will admit that as soon as South opens the bidding North and South are destined to arrive at a slam continued to be a matter of fact, in fact, tournaments you would find several tables playing the contract at seven.

The opening lead of the seven of clubs is won in dummy with the jack. To establish the fourth spade will not do much good. The whole hand depends upon locating the queen of clubs. Some players might advise you to lead the jack of diamonds and take a quick look at West. If he hesitates or fumbles, maybe he has the queen. If he quickly and casually plays the four-spot, go up with dummy's king and finesse the diamond coming back.

But suppose that West outmanoeuvres you in the guessing contest—it would be safer to eliminate the guess. You must lose a spade some time; there is no place to put it. So lose it right away. Play a small spade and let the opponents win it. They will lead another club. You win this in dummy with the ace, cash the ace and king of spades, and when they break lead the other spade. In all probability East will discard a diamond, so you throw a diamond. Then cash three rounds of hearts and the king of clubs.

Now see what you have found out. When you cash the king of clubs, East has to let go his jack of hearts. You have seen him play three spades, four hearts and two clubs. Therefore he originally had four diamonds. That means that West has a singleton diamond. Therefore you lead the ten of diamonds, win it in dummy with the king, lead back a small diamond, and you can take the finesse safely because you know that West does not have a king of diamonds, as surely as if you had looked in East's hand and seen his queen.

CROSSWORD



- Across
1. Pallidness to say the girl scores three points (5)
 2. It's just preparation (5)
 3. To do sort of request (5)
 4. Invalid (4)
 5. Blue need not be anything to become upset in catching horses (4)
 6. Would anyone dare to call this famous Greek a corner boy? (10)
 7. Only part of this land is out as the Commonwealth (4)
 8. Signifies broken names (5)
 9. Something fabulous starts (3)
 10. How a sailor starts to border (4)
 11. One broken line (3)
 12. Croquet (5)
 13. The way, even shows, now the said blow (4)
 14. Sing about it for wrongdoing (3)
 15. In a valley near Plymouth you get a V.O. to ask it (9)
- Down
1. Sounds as though he meant do, patched (4)
 2. You could say robust (4)
 3. Enlightens (5)
 4. Capes are found in this (5)
 5. Sort of talk that sounds from (5)
 6. Dimple (5)
 7. It always measures three feet (5)
 8. Oats or soap, it's just a thin slip (4)
 9. The backwards (4)
 10. Military order to follow (4)
 11. A peasant who follows a small (4)
 12. Entertainment (4)
 13. Eggs in lovable surroundings (4)
 14. Before the wife of Jupiter (4)

DUMB BELLS

WE MUST
BUY CAR?
WHAT'S
WRONG WITH
THE ONE
WE HAVE
NOW?



Check Your Knowledge

1. What is the literal meaning of cigarette?
2. Name the city which continues to be the most thoroughly Oriental city in all its features and characteristics of any city in existence.
3. Name the oldest of the American Greek-letter societies.
4. Give the ranks above and below a colonel in the United States Army.
5. What is the sterling area?
6. Name the composer of "Tannhäuser."

(Answers in Column 4)

RECORDED MUSIC

ARTISTIC RENDERING OF "BUTTERFLY"

By DELOS SMITH

COLUMBIA'S opera collaboration with the New York Metropolitan has come to flower for the third time, now with Puccini's "Madame Butterfly."

Valdengo's baritone vocalizations could be described, critically as "rather terrific." They are firm while being entirely liquid; flowing yet rigidly disciplined.

Miss Steber is in the must-criticize that makes the trito it's-the-woman-who-pays theme convincing, and that is artistically. Technically it is one of Columbia's very best LP recordings. Artistically it is the best "Butterfly" you are going to have for a long time. (16 12-inch standards in two vols, or three 12-inch LP's).

Excellent Choice
Taking the above into consideration, "Madame Butterfly" becomes an excellent choice. Eleanor Steber is available, RCA Victor. And Victor would have the same difficulty with it recording Metropolitan presentations. That portion of the company under exclusive contract to Columbia could take no part.

English War Drama

The most imposing of current recordings is not music but drama, and impressive drama it is when a music reviewer feels compelled to deal with it. It is "Fruelove to Pearl Harbour" issued on four 12-inch LP's in an album by the English maker, London.

For more than two hours and a half, these LP's pour from your gramophone the 1939 pre-war convulsions and the war's progress up to Pearl Harbor. The music is enlivened by the voices of the leading participants—Chamberlain, Churchill, Benes, Mannerheim, Queen Wilhelmina, Daladier, Reynaud, Roosevelt, Benavente, Hitler, Mussolini, and many others. The music is a whirling dervish of Messerschmitts over embattled England.

Chinoiserie
He admitted shooting at the cow, but said he did not harm it. (News Item.)
I shot an arrow into a cow, I fell to earth, I knew not how. Perhaps the tip of it was blunt. Perhaps I shot it back to front. (London Express Service)

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

BORN today, you are a natural teacher. You have a love of books and a desire for knowledge which goes beyond mere personal acquisition. You want others to share in the things you have discovered. You are a teacher, a guide, a mentor. You are a person who is always explaining things to others; helping them with their problems; encouraging them in their work.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

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By Harry F. O'Neill

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

IT is being said pretty freely in Edinburgh that Miss Slopercorner refused, with almost overwhelming dignity, a request from the Filthistan Trio that she would "haet as hour moss-cott and pinnup lady, to point hat the plank with a pharynx wand as a signal to start the see-saw."

Miss Slopercorner, in tears, having expected a much more spectacular role in the Festival. To make matters worse, the Macaroni of Macaroni made an ill-natured comment on a Press photograph of himself and Miss Slopercorner, which was written "The Gathering of the Filthistan Trio." "Apart from the foolish misprint," he wrote, "one has not heard of any Clan Slopercorner in Scottish history."

Kazulab's Scottish blood

A CRY of "Stop thief!" outside the Edinburgh hotel entrance. By the time the guests returned, a moment or two later, the plank was laid across Ashura's belly, and the game of see-saw had begun. The manager's expostulations were drowned by weird cries and, and by the applause and chat of the spectators. The Macaroni of Macaroni, who had written a long letter to the Press about the abuse of the Camptara tartan by the Persians, witnessed the display with dis-taste. The Persians' reply to his letter still rankled. "It might surprise you," Sir Macaroni, to know what Kazulab's grandmither were a McCapercallie from Muelde whom fought at the battle of Floddum ho yes. We wa you Quid Long Sign as the song saith."

(Tomorrow—Unusual Angles)

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. Little elgar. 2. Damascus in Syria. 3. Phi Beta Kappa. 4. Avrocar Brigadier General. 5. low. Lieutenant Colonel. 6. low. Within which international transactions are based upon the pound. It includes the Dominions, but not Canada which is in the dollar area. 6. Richard Wagner.

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Japs Warned Against Cartel System

Tokyo, Dec. 14.—A return to the pre-war cartel system and the corollary practice of dumping exports would end Japan's chances of securing favourable world tariff agreements.

It would also react against her acceptance into the community of nations. These views were expressed "with almost complete unanimity" by high Washington officials to Mr. Edward C. Welsh, chief of General MacArthur's Fair Trade Practices Division, who has returned to Japan after five weeks in the United States.

DIRECTED DUMPING

Washington officials believed that only under a cartel system could Japan practise the kind of directed dumping tactics so bitterly resented before the war. "Any indication that this is happening," they said, "is a serious threat to the recovery of Japan's economy." In a broader sense, it would react against her acceptance in the community of nations. Mr. Welsh said.

NY FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK FOREIGN EXCHANGE		Closing rate Dec. 14
Canada (dollar)	US\$	0.83-1/2
England (sterling)		2.80-1/10
France (franc)		2.42 bid/2.43 asked
Germany (mark)		2.48
* 30-day futures		2.80-1/10
* 90-day futures		2.80-1/10
Australia (pound)		2.24-1/2
New Zealand (pound)		5.70-1/4
South Africa (pound)		2.80-1/4
Belgium (franc)		0.0206-1/2
Denmark (krone)		1.450
Finland (markka)		2.02-3/4
Holland (guilder)		2.637
Italy (official)		0.010
Italy (export)		0.010
Norway (krone)		1.410
Portugal (escudo)		0.019
Spain (peseta)		0.019
Sweden (krona)		1.040
Switzerland (franc)		2.332
MIDDLE EAST		
Egypt (pound)		2.00
Iran (rial)		0.0124
Iran (dinar)		2.80
Turkey (lira)		0.0575
LATIN AMERICA		
Argentina (official)		1.120
Brazil (cruzeiro)		0.0300
Bolivia (boliviano)		0.0225
Chile (oficial)		0.0325
Colombia (peso)		41-1/2
Cuba		1.00
Ecuador (peso)		0.010
Peru—free		0.010
Venezuela (peso)		3.375
Uruguay (bolivar)		3.010
FAR EAST		
India (rupee)		21.04
Indonesian		1750

